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Letter: Proposed Solar Choice Net Metering would benefit all SC ratepayers

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Last year, the South Carolina General Assembly unanimously passed the Energy Freedom Act after stakeholders from across South Carolina came together to provide utility customers more energy choice by eliminating rooftop solar net metering caps.

A decision on net metering, the rate customers receive for solar they send back to the utility grid, was deferred until June 2021 when the Public Service Commission will decide the new rooftop solar policy for South Carolina.

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I congratulate Duke Energy, Sunrun, Vote Solar and other energy stakeholders for reaching a compromise last month that benefits all ratepayers. While others continue to attack solar, Duke Energy is setting a strong example.

Solar Choice Net Metering, as the proposed settlement is dubbed, would help Duke Energy respond to periods of dramatic energy demand while encouraging more rooftop solar in its territory. Less dramatic demand means future cost savings to ratepayers across Duke's territory. More rooftop solar means more energy choice. This settlement pairs rooftop solar panels with smart thermostats – an innovative and creative solution to South Carolina's energy challenges.

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Solar Choice Net Metering is so creative that it is already being touted as a model for other states where solar companies and utilities have fought for years. South Carolina is leading the way nationally because of our citizens' spirit of compromise and hard work. I look forward to seeing this innovative program being available across our state very soon.

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